GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:363
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VILLAGE PUBLIC TELEPHONE BY PRIVATE COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the private telecom operators have sought the deletion of the condition of providing regular and efficient phone service to villages;

(b) if so, whether the Government have agreed to the deletion or dilution of this condition;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) If not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SHRIMATI SU MAHAJAN)

(a) No, Sir.

(b)&(c): Do not arise in view of (a) above.

(d) Contractual obligations of private telecom operators are not proposed to be diluted.